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SUBJECT: TRADE OPPORTUNITY: BAYOVAR PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED BAYOVAR PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX WITH PETROCHEMICAL DIVISION AT INDUPERU. IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT INDUPERU, ALTHOUGH VERY CONFIDENT IN ITS ABILITY TO DEVELOP THIS PROJECT, HAS LITTLE GRASP OF THE COMPLEXITY INVOLVED IN SUCH AN UNDERTAKING. THEY ARE SEEKING A \$630 MILLION TURNKEY PROJECT (COMPLETELY FINANCED) FOR THE PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX, BUT DO NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH THEY MUST WORK, TO WIT, A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF DOMESTIC CAPITAL, A PROBABLE REDUCTION IN NET FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES, AND THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX IS IN A DESERT AREA WHICH WILL REQUIRE MASSIVE GOP INVESTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS UNLIKELY TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH DESPATCH.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON THIS PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX TO THE MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION BECAUSE OF OUR PESSIMISM ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROJECT, WHICH WAS REINFORCED BY OUR LATEST DISCUSSION WITH INDUPERU. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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